
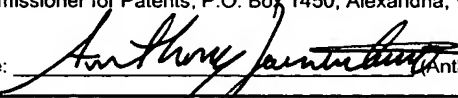




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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.